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WHAT PROHIBITION

AMENDMENT. SOME PAPERS FOUND A NOTE OF ALARM.

The Gainesville Sun, in a recent issue says: "There are unmistakable evidences that the temperance people will exercise every effort to have the next legislature pass a constitutional amendment putting the question to the people as to whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold in the state." It is coming from Gainesville, the home of a number of the best temperance workers in the state, and it is carried with it some weight of authority. We do not know the editor of the Sun has been posted as to their intentions these temperance advocates, but we really hope he speaks the truth.

The editor of the Tampa Tribune is reading the above quotation and doesn't feel as we do. He says, "rumors have naturally stirred a feeling of deep disgust." Then he goes on to explain that he is disgusted. In the first place he says in big type: "The constitution of the State is not a place to embody laws of this kind and that that instrument is intended to cover the foundation principles of the political government of the state and should never be tampered with to serve individual or party purposes."

Could a prohibition Constitutional Amendment be a party or individual measure? We think not. A clause to our constitution should be one of the foundation principles of the government of the state and see no good reason for not it. Political economy rests on man in society, not as an individual, and the one method of governing the principles of justice is to order to the members of a commonwealth is by the agency of government, be that government national or state. If it has been proved that in the individual, or the village or the governing power the protection of the people against that which would harm or destroy is efficient then it becomes the duty of a higher governing power to hold the controlling influence. It is good government, and a principle of general application that should be the basis of all which the temperance people of the state ask for a constitutional amendment. We have the authority of the Tribune and other newspapers of the state that the present local option laws are a failure and what would you do if we give up the fight thus? No means.

The Tribune does not believe this agitation has been started by temperance people. It is more the work of unconscionable men who constitute the lowest of legislative lobbyists and whose present design is to hypocritically enlist the clergy and the best prohibitionists throughout the state that they, the grafters, levy blackmail upon the liquor under the promise to kill off threatened legislation.

Well! Well! To think we temperance people have been the victims of these rascals and never let it out! How kind of the Tribune, too, to put the liquor men on guard so that they may not

spend their hard earned money in bribes.

The mixture of taffy and invective by the Tribune is rather hard to classify, in speaking of the good prohibitionists and unsophisticated members of the legislature elected from the country districts who will be used by these blackmailers to vote for prohibition amendment "apparently backed by some of our most religious and respected citizens." Couldn't the sympathetic editor go up to Tallahassee in person and act as caretaker over these country legislators and see that they are not fooled by these unconscionable rascals? No doubt the liquor men would be duly grateful for his assistance in their behalf, and the fool legislators be saved from a grievous blunder. Now just listen to the last sentence in this remarkable editorial. "This iniquitous practice should be fully exposed and condemned by the entire press of Florida, and should the law in any way be able to grasp upon its infamous perpetrators they should be punished to the furthest possible extent."

There is no doubt but the honest liquor dealer must be protected from the impending avalanche of graft, by these dreadful miscreants. We are by no means advocates of lynching, and do not agree with the Punta Gorda editor that it is better to hang ten innocent men than let one guilty one escape, but isn't this a case where Judge Lynch should be invoked if the law fails to provide a suitable means of punishing these temperance grafters?

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Keigwin Stated Supply. Services first and third Sundays in each month. Sunday School 10 a. m.

Mr. Keigwin and daughter would express their gratitude to the numerous friends who surprised them with a pound party on Thursday night. The goodly amount of supplies left were all appropriate and gratefully appreciated, but better than material supplies to a pastor is the thoughtful kindness which prompts such tokens of their appreciation of the services he is trying to render his people.

A whole host of friends are glad that Mrs. J. D. Williams and daughter have returned from their long absence abroad, and the church will anticipate a renewal of their former delight in listening again to the sweet singer in Israel.

A letter from Rev. C. H. Ferran announces his willingness to preach the dedication sermon when the building is ready for that interesting service, which is expected early in November.

Mr. Keigwin regrets the temporary illness that hindered him from preaching last Sunday but is gratified to learn from some of his flock how well they were fed in other pastures in the city.

Mrs. Mote Dead.

Mrs. Mote, who has been ill for some weeks died last Saturday, and was buried in the Arcadia cemetery Sunday. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss. The two youngest children are a pair of twins only a few weeks old.

News of the Week In DeSoto County

As Reported by The Champion's
Excellent Corps of Correspondents
A Resume of Current Events.

Crewsville Items.

G. W. North has moved into town and will stay here through the orange season if he can only stand the noisy town.

G. G. Albritton is sick in bed at this writing with a very severe cold. We hope he will recover soon.

E. E. Crews is shipping his oranges this week.

John and Dock Lightsey passed through here today with 190 head of beef cattle on their way to Ft. Myers.

Messers Brooker & Albritton are going out on the sand hills next week fishing and hunting. E. E. Crews will run their business during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collier have gone down to H. K. Stills, their son-in-laws, to spend the day with him.

Everything is wide awake here. The orange business keeps every one hustling and if you see any one standing around idle you may know he has a cold.

Look out! Frank Crews is coming out as independent candidate for matrimony.

T. H. Williams is talking of putting in a sawmill at this place. Something like that is very much needed.

C. B. Collins has made a contract with Roberts Bros., of Zolfo, to haul oranges for them throughout the season.

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News of Zolfo.

H. W. Smith's packing house is now running full time.

Col. J. L. Sauls was a business visitor in Zolfo Monday.

The Ladies' Circle W. O. W. held their regular meeting Tuesday night. They report full attendance.

P. W. Knight's baby has been very low for the last few days. But now seems to be recovering very fast.

Wonder how Jack, at Torrey, stands the fuss that crowd makes every night when they meet the train. He ought not to be "Lonesome" any time with that set raising Cain all night.

It seems from what I heard the other day at Bowling Green some of the girls there are anything but pleased with a certain sermon that was preached to them some time ago. It is the writer's opinion that if they would pay heed to the preacher, and cut out so much foolishness they would be a thousand per cent better off than they now are. Girls, do you?

Where! O where! have the Gardner and Bowling Green correspondents got to these busy days. Guess they would say if I should disturb them, "Please go away and let me sleep." So I guess I won't bother either of them this time.

WANDERING WILLIE.

Charlotte Harbor Items.

The hotel property here owned by I. M. Cross has been purchased by J. W. Bennett. Consideration \$4,000. We hope to have the hotel open this winter.

Some of the girls are wearing long faces from some cause. I suppose it is because the "Surprise" has left for Miami with her crew, viz. Messers L. L. Barnhill, Joe Johnson, Bruce Knight, John Gaskill and John Barnhill.

Mr. Montgomery was here with his family Sunday.

Little Claude Stephens received a very serious dog-bite while playing around

the school-house Monday. This seems to be a "dogged" town with about fifty.

A great surprise for the people was with us Sunday. Mr. W. H. Burkhalter and Miss Helen Knight were quietly married Sunday. We didn't expect them to slip away from us. We are sorry to have Miss Helen leave us.

The young ladies of the Sunday School are very busy preparing the Rally Day program for next Sunday night.

Miss Kate Protovia, of Willow Springs, Mo., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Knight.

Mr. Gilbert, of Lakeland, is down here with his brother, Arthur Hollenbeck. Messers Sam Daniels and Sankey Stephens are expecting to leave for Miami today. More long faces.

Oranges are being shipped from our section.

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Grove City Items.

(Came in too late for publication in last issue.)

Mr. Trelore, of Chicago, was in Grove City last week. He is owner of the Grove City Hotel and other fine property in this country. Mr. Trelore will return in December with his family and open business in this place.

Mrs. C. G. Johanson has rented the Grove City Hotel for the winter. Mrs. Johanson is an experienced hotel lady and we are glad to have her continue as proprietress of this nice hotel.

Mrs. Johnson, mother of Mrs. Shadwick returned from Michigan last week.

Messrs Herbert Weaver and Archie Godfrey went over in their launch to Punta Gorda last Friday on a pleasure trip.

Miss Anna Godfrey, of Englewood, has been the guest of Mrs. Weaver for a few days.

Mrs. Harmon Johanson and Miss Isabelle Johanson are preparing to go to Cuba on a visit to relatives.

Spencer Rovall, of Arcadia, was at the Grove City Hotel Saturday.

J. F. Kinsey and son, Paul, went up to Arcadia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourne are expected home from a visit to New York.

Proposed Railroad Ruling.

RAILROAD COMMISSION,
STATE OF FLORIDA.
TO ALL THE RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND COMMON CARRIERS DOING
BUSINESS WHOLLY OR IN PART
WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:
You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida, at their office in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., to consider the advisability of amending the Rules and Regulations of the Railroad Commission, as follows: By adding the following to the Demurrage Rules:

17. When a shipper makes written application to a railroad company for a car or cars, to be loaded with any kind of freight embraced in the tariff of said company for transportation within the State of Florida, stating in said application the character of the freight, the railroad company shall furnish same within four days from 7 o'clock a. m. the day following such application.

Or, when the shipper making such application specifies a future day on which he desires to make a shipment (of other than fruit or vegetables), giving not less than four days' notice thereof, computing from 7 o'clock a. m. the day following such application, the railroad company shall furnish such car or cars on or before the day specified in the application.

Or, when the shipper making such application specifies a future day on which he desires to make a shipment of fruit or vegetables.

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DISASTER ON THE

EAST COAST OF FLA. STORY OF THE STORM.

We had scarcely gotten over the shock of Pensacola's disaster before we are called to record a greater loss of life and incalculable loss of property as a result of a tropical hurricane on last Thursday. The telegraph wires were put out of condition to use early in the storm and for several days no accurate account of this new Florida disaster was received. Miami was the only city in the path of the storm that suffered severely, altho both Key West and St. Augustine felt the force of the wind and waves in a damaging way to property.

It was the East Coast Extension, the new Flagler railroad line in process of building, south of Miami where the greatest loss of life occurred. The men who were drowned were mostly laborers who were aboard work barges, dredges, house boats, launches, etc. It is not known definitely how many persons were drowned for it will be some days before anything exact will be learned, but the best news now indicates a loss of from 100 to 500. Some of those reported drowned have been picked up and brought in by steamers.

The property loss all along the lower east coast of Florida is immense. Orange groves were blown up by the roots, small houses overturned larger houses unroofed and water everywhere. It is reported that Elliot Key, an island on which 250 people lived was swept by a tidal wave that drowned all the inhabitants. President Roosevelt has wired Governor Broward his regrets and offers government aid if necessary.

Ladies' Friday Musicale.

The Ladies' Friday Musicale met with Mrs. C. H. Mitchell Friday afternoon, October 19th, at which time the following program was rendered:

"Spring Song," Mendelssohn.....
Mrs. S. J. Simmons
"Clematis," Gielder.....
Mrs. Carl Hayman
"Beautiful Dreamer,".....
Mrs. C. H. Mitchell
"Warblings at Eve," Richards.....
Mrs. W. H. Seward
Vocal Solo, "Dear, Did You Know?"
Eugene Cawler.....
Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth
"Belle Of The Convent," G. Ludovico...
Mrs. R. E. Brown
"Hearts and Flowers," Theo. M. Tobain
Mrs. Perry Brown
Vocal Solo, "When the Bees Are In The
Hive,".....
Mrs. A. E. Bennett

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. C. Y. Crawford.

The Episcopal Musical Festival at the Arcadia House last Friday night was a brilliant success. A large crowd attended, the program rendered was excellent and about thirty-four dollars cleared by sale of ice cream, cake and coffee. Much credit is due Miss Sweat for her arrangement of the program, and thanks are also due to those who so kindly gave their services as musicians, singers and helpers in other directions.

Note of Thanks.

Mr. Mote and family desire publicly to thank the Arcadia people for their generous help and sympathy in their affliction, the illness and death of Mrs. Mote.